

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. The Examiner indicates that the specification is enabling for a detector device, but does not provide enablement for a transceiver. The disclosure is objected to and the Examiner indicates that the specification only discloses a receiver (no transmitter) and that it also discloses transceiver channels, yet it is unclear how there can be transceiver channels when there is not receiver array. Clarification of these matters is required.

As discussed with the Examiner on August 19, 2005, the specification has been amended to more clearly define that the terms fiber optic transceiver and fiber optic transceiver channel should be understood to include a fiber optic receiver receiving a light beam input and a transmitter providing a voltage output. Applicants respectfully submit that the added definition would have been understood from the original specification to a person of ordinary skill in the art and is supported by the disclosure as originally filed. In the related case identified at page 1, starting at line 7, United States patent application Serial Number 09/995,107, entitled "FIBER OPTIC TRANSCEIVER ARRAY FOR IMPLEMENTING TESTING" by Randolph B. Heineke and David W. Siljenberg, this definition is recited at page 2, at lines 12-15. Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment to the specification does not introduce any new matter into the disclosure. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Applicants have reviewed all the art of record, and respectfully submit that the claimed invention is patentable over all the art of record, including the references


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not relied upon by the Examiner for the rejection of the pending claims.

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and allowance of each of the pending claims 1-7 is respectfully requested. Prompt and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner upon considering this amendment should find that a telephone interview would be helpful in expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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